

THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979 (EXCERPT)
Act 94 of 1979

***** 388.1816b.added THIS ADDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022 *****

388.1816b.added Michigan AND to BSN completion grant program; administration; nursing in partnership agreements; assessments; work project.

Sec. 216b. (1) The funds appropriated in section 201(11) must be used for the creation of the Michigan ADN to BSN completion grant program. The grant program, administered by the department of labor and economic opportunity, will award each eligible community college in this state a minimum of \$2,000,000.00 to support the creation and execution of a program that allows individuals in this state who have attained an associate degree in nursing to complete a bachelor of science degree in nursing in partnership with a BSN-granting Michigan public university or Michigan not-for-profit independent 4-year college or university. This grant program will directly impact the health care field, which has been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, by increasing the training and skills of health care professionals in this state.

(2) For purposes of this section, an eligible community college must have both of the following:

(a) A signed agreement with a BSN-granting Michigan public university or Michigan not-for-profit independent 4-year college or university that provides for all of the following:

(i) A plan for the BSN-granting institution to design, deliver, and maintain an ADN to BSN completion program, including admissions, curriculum design, and accreditation, with strategic input from employers and community colleges.

(ii) The utilization of existing ADN to BSN completion programs, including 3+1 agreements, the Michigan Transfer Agreement, credit for prior learning policies, and credit for community college coursework, that meets BSN program requirements at the BSN-granting institution.

(iii) BSN completion courses to be taught at least partially in person on community college campuses with course delivery methods informed by the expressed needs of the learners in that community.

(iv) To the greatest extent possible, opportunities for joint faculty appointments for qualified community college faculty to teach BSN completion courses as adjunct or part-time faculty at the BSN-granting institution.

(v) A co-branding model to promote the BSN-granting institution and community college as partners to students, employers, and communities.

(vi) Adequate student supports, including academic advising, career services, financial aid support, mental health counseling, and other student basic needs services offered by the community college or the BSN-granting institution, or both, to ensure that students are likely to complete.

(vii) A minimum 5-year agreement duration, with adequate data and evidence to support discontinuing the agreement before 5 years have elapsed.

(b) Strategic input and engagement from local health care employers and the local workforce development agency.

(3) Grant funding may be used to pay program expenses, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

(a) Personnel costs associated with delivering BSN programs on community college campuses.

(b) Investments in community college facilities to support delivery of BSN programming.

(c) Outreach and recruitment of potential students.

(d) Student financial aid or financial assistance to reduce the overall cost of completing a BSN program.

(e) Assessment of program success and the ability to recruit, retain, train, and graduate more BSN-prepared nurses in this state.

(4) The Michigan ADN to BSN completion grant program must be assessed annually for improvements in accessibility, affordability, and growth of total BSN-prepared nurses in this state. The Michigan Community College Association, Michigan Association of State Universities, and Michigan Independent Colleges & Universities Association shall submit this assessment to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on higher education and community colleges, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget director annually no later than September 30. The assessment is to be completed with coordination among eligible community colleges and BSN-granting institutions that receive funding to support programs and the Michigan Health and Hospital Association through the Healthcare Workforce Information Collaborative.

(5) Unencumbered funds in section 201(11) appropriated for the Michigan ADN to BSN completion grant program are designated as a work project appropriation and must not lapse at the end of the fiscal year. Unencumbered and unallotted funds must be available for expenditures for grants under this section. The purpose of the work project is to increase access to BSN programs on community college campuses through collaborative partnership. The estimated completion date of this work project is September 30, 2026.

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